(b) whether the Prime Minister had convened a Joint Meeting between Punjab and Haryana Chief Ministers to expedite the construction of SYL Canal in Punjab ;

(c) if so, what decision was taken in the meeting ; and

(d) by what time the SYL Canal is going to be completed in Punjab territory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Government of Punjab has been advised to arrange to complete the balance works of SYL canal in Punjab.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The time schedule for completing the project will depend upon the nature and capacity of the agency/agencies to be engaged by the Government of Punjab.

Stoppage of Work on the main Dam of Narmada

1756. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narmada Control Authority has recommended that the work on the main dam be halted ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Keeping in view the safety of the dam, the Narmada Control Authority in its 48th meeting held on 31-12-1993, inter-alia, decided that until a decsion on plugging of sluices at EL 418 metres was taken, the spill way dam portion beyond the schedule upto 31-12-1993 approved by the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee should not be raised further.

Irrigation Proposals from Tamil Nadu

1757. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of irrigation proposals received by the Central Government from Government of Tamil Nadu for clearance during 1992 and 1993 ; and

(b) the details of the proposals which were rejected returned to State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No new major or medium irrigation project of Tamil Nadu has been received in the Central Water Commission during 1992 and 1993 for clearance. However proposals for extending supplies from Periyar-Vaigai System to Thirupathu Big Tank and 13 other tanks and Marvamangalam Big Tank and 40 other tanks estimated to cost Rs. 3.20 crores and Rs. 5.70 crores respectively received in the Central Water Commission in 12/92 have been accepted for inclusion in World Bank assisted Periyar-Viagai Irrigation-II Project (Cr. 1468-IN/SF-16).

(b) Does not arise.

Subsidy Scheme for Lift Irrigation

1758. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have revised the scheme of providing subsidy for Lift Irrigation installed by farmers ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) the total average of land to be covered under 'Lift Irrigation', State-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated for 1993-94 and the remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan ; State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE

IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total acreage of land to the covered exclusively under lift Irrigation is not maintained at the Centre.

(d) Central funds are not earmarked for Lift Irrigation separately.

Foreign Aid for Flood Control Projects

1759. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of foreign aid and loans received under the Flood Control Projects during the last three years ;

(b) the total amount allocated to various projects, statewise ;

(c) whether any such projects have been earmarked for implementation in Tamil Nadu ;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) :

(a) During the last three years no foreign aid and loans were received for flood control projects.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Allegations of Bangladesh Regarding Drying of Rivers in Summers

1760. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the allegation of Bangladesh in respect of the drying up of rivers there in summer and winter and flooding of the silted riverbed because of Farakka has been taken note of by Government ;

(b) how far the allegations are factual and what steps have been taken to meet them; and

(c) whether Government have made supply of Water contingent on the granting of transit facilites ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The reporte d allegation of the adverse effects due to Farakka by Bangladesh are not based on facts and these are in the nature of false propaganda. Bangladesh has not accepted India's proposal for their verification by making joint visits to affected areas.

(c) No, Sir.

महाराष्ट्र में जल संसाधनों का पता लगाने के लिए सर्वेक्षण

1761. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने महाराष्ट्र में जल संसाधनों का पता लगाने के लिए कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सर्वेक्षण कब तक कराए जाने की संभावना है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा जल संसाधन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० के थुंगन) : (क) से (ग) चूंकि सिंचाई राज्य का विषय है अतः जल संसाधनों के विकास के लिए सर्वेक्षण राज्य सरकारों द्वारा किए जाते हैं । तथापि, अन्तर्राज्यीय नदियों के लिए जल वैज्ञानिक प्रेक्षण केन्द्रीय जल आयोग द्वारा किए जाते है जिनमें महाराष्ट्र की नदियां भी शामिल है । केन्द्रीय भूमिजल बोर्ड ने महाराष्ट्र में, भूजल उपलब्धता के सर्वेक्षण किए हैं । सर्वेक्षण और अन्वेषण के आधार पर, महाराष्ट्र में वार्षिक पुनर्भरणीय भूजल संसाधन 38835 60 मिलियन घन मीटर आंके गए हैं जिनका जिला वार ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है ।